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1	[Initiating Landmark Designation - Engine Company No.13]
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3	Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for
4	Engine Company No.13, 1458 Valenica Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6531, Lot
5	No. 011.
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7	WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by
8	Resolution initiate landmark designations; and
9	WHEREAS, Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation
10	Commission to respond to historic district or individual landmark designations initiated by the
11	Board of Supervisors within 90 days, and authorizes the Board, by Resolution, to extend the
12	time within which the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; and
13	WHEREAS, Engine Company No.13, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6531, Lot No. 011,
14	located at 1458 Valancia Street in the Mission neighborhood, was constructed in 1883, and
15	remained an active firehouse until 1958; and
16	WHEREAS, The building remains in its original location and is the oldest standing
17	firehouse in San Francisco; and
18	WHEREAS, The property is a rare example of a brick firehouse in Italianate design with
19	cast iron facade detailing; and
20	WHEREAS, The property includes intact features including its Ionic pilasters at the
21	ground floor, Corinthian pilasters at the second floor, denticulated beltcourse, Doric
22	columnettes, detailed cornice, and more; and
23	WHEREAS, Italianate architecture was the first Victorian era style to gain popularity in
24	San Francisco and remained a dominant style between 1865 and 1886; and
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1	WHEREAS, The southern Mission was spared destruction from the 1906 earthquake
2	and fire and thus retains generally intact pre-disaster architecture from the latter half of the
3	Nineteenth Century; and
4	WHEREAS, The southern Mission's concentrated pre-disaster building stock is part of
5	the citywide ring of survivors that surrounded the burnt-out urban core following the 1906
6	disaster, which overall is a small fraction of the building stock that had existed prior to that
7	date; and
8	WHEREAS, The 1968 book "Here Today, San Francisco's Architectural Heritage", by
9	the Junior League of San Francisco, Inc. discusses the property; and
10	WHEREAS, The South Mission Historic Resource Survey was one of several planning
11	studies conducted to inform the implementation of the Mission Area Plan and was adopted by
12	the Historic Preservation Commission on November 17, 2010; and
13	WHEREAS, The South Mission Historic Resource Survey resulted in the
14	documentation of approximately 3,800 individual buildings in the area that is bounded roughly
15	by 20 th Street to the north, Cesar Chavez Street to the south, Potrero Avenue to the east, and
16	Guerrero Street to the west; and
17	WHEREAS, The South Mission Historic Resources Survey was prepared by qualified
18	historians in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards; and
19	WHEREAS, The South Mission Historic Resource Survey identified the property as
20	being individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; and
21	WHEREAS, In 2022 the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
22	Victorian Era Styles (1870-1910) Historic Context Statement which provided frameworks for
23	identifying and evaluating Italianate and other Victorian-era buildings for historical significance
24	and integrity; and

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1	WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Victorian Era
2	Styles (1870-1910) Historic Context Statement, the property can be considered as an
3	individually eligible historic resource based on year built, extant character defining features,
4	and sufficient integrity; now, therefore, be it
5	RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of Engine
6	Company No.13 under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it
7	FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
8	landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
9	consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
10	Engine Company No.13; and, be it
11	FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
12	Preservation Commission consider whether Engine Company No.13 warrants landmark
13	designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
14	Planning Code.
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(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

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